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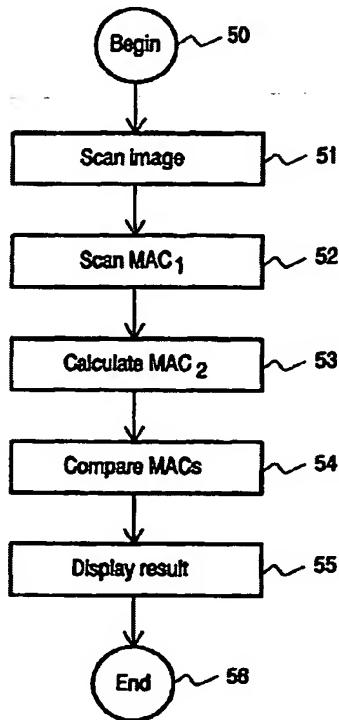
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(57) **Abstract:** A method of verifying the authenticity of an image (1) rendered on a display screen (10) involves using a graphical representation of an authentication code (2) associated with the image. The graphical representation of the authentication code is also rendered on the display screen, while optional guide marks (3) may also be displayed. Both the image (1) and the associated authentication code (2) are read using a scanner (20), preferably a handheld linear scanner. The scanner calculates an authentication code based upon the image and compares the calculated authentication code with the authentication code read from the display.

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